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CHAPTER ONE

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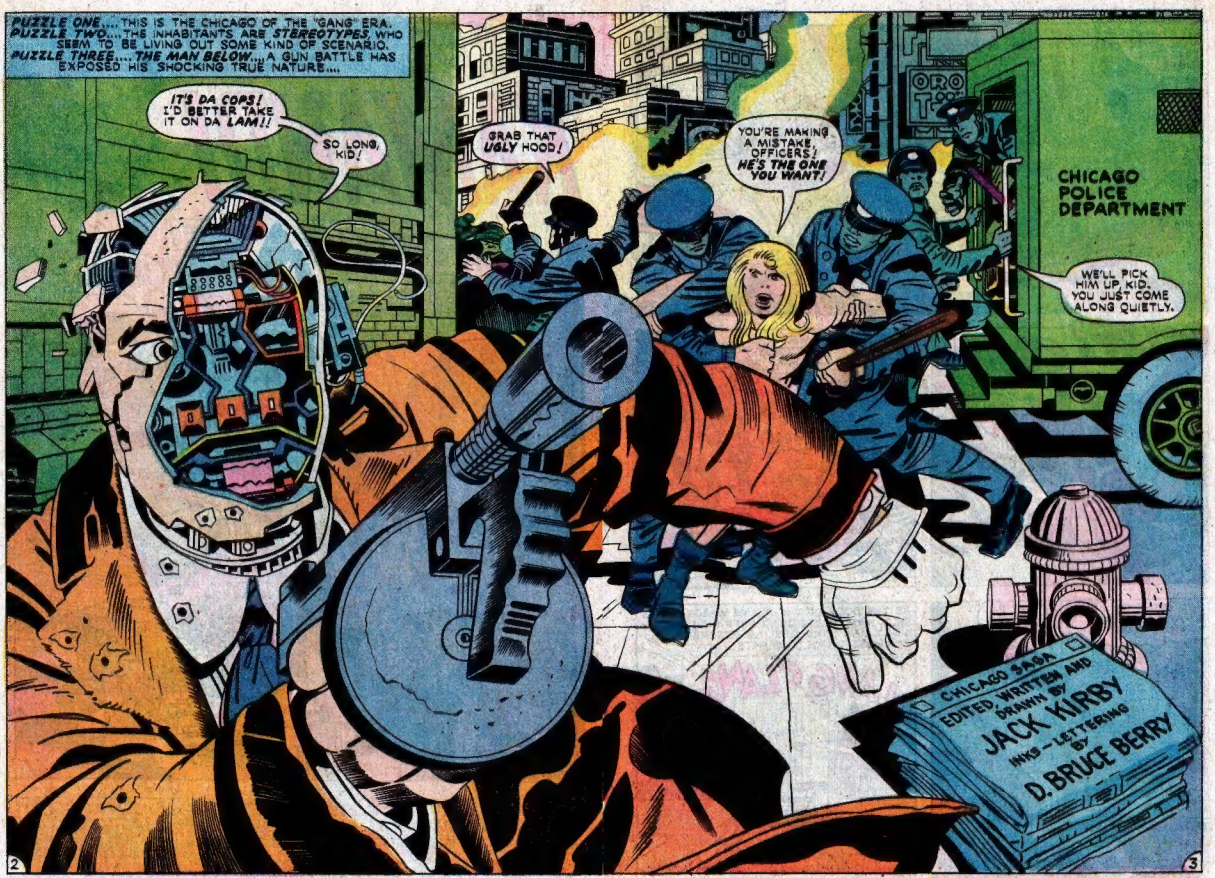
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PUZZLE TWO....THE INHABITANTS ARE STEREOTYPES WHO SEEM TO BE LIVING OUT SOME KIND OF SCENARIO.
PUZZLE THREE....THE MAN BELOW....A GUN BATTLE HAS EXPOSED HIS SHOCKING TRUE NATURE....
IT'S DA COPS! I'D BETTER TAKE IT ON DA LAM!!
SO LONG, KID!
GRAB THAT UGLY HOOD!
YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE, OFFICERS! HE'S THE ONE YOU WANT!
CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
WE'LL PICK HIM UP, KID. YOU JUST COME ALONG QUIETLY.
CHICAGO SAGA
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INKS—LETTERING BY
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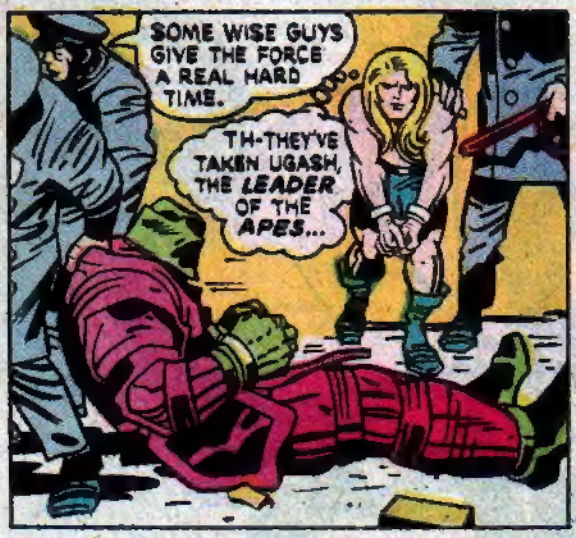
YOU'RE SHOWING MORE SENSE THAN YOUR FRIEND.
HE'S NO FRIEND... HE'S A GORILLA!
UGASH
GET YOUR PAWS OFF ME, YOU... ANIMALS!!

CLOP! CLOP!
CLOP!
BOP!


SOME WISE GUYS GIVE THE FORCE A REAL HARD TIME.
TH-THEY'VE TAKEN UGASH, THE LEADER OF THE APES...

HE'S GOING TO BE AWFULLY MAD WHEN HE WAKES UP.
GET IN, BUDDY...

AS THE DOOR OF THE POLICE WAGON CLANGS SHUT, KAMANDI IS DRIVEN OFF INTO THE NIGHT...HIS MIND REELING BEFORE A STRANGE, UNFOLDING FATE...
CLANG CLANG CLANG
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ONE DAY, A FEW MONTHS AFTER WE BOTH GOT OUT OF THE SERVICE, I RAN INTO MY OLD BUDDY, PETE.
PETE! HOW YOU MAKING OUT?
NOT TOO GOOD, JOE. I CAN'T SEEM TO HACK IT... NO JOB I CAN GET PAYS ANY MONEY.

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CHAPTER TWO

The ELECTRIC CHAIR !!!

NOW THAT YOU'RE *AWAKE*, UGASH, I HOPE YOU'RE SORRY THAT YOU AND YOUR APES *INVADED* THIS PLACE...
YOU JABBERING LITTLE *BEAST*! MY SOLDIERS WILL MAKE *RUBBLE* OUT OF THIS PLACE!

SUDDENLY, FROM THE REAR OF THE CELL...
AHHH...PIPE DOWN, YUH BUMS! YER BENDIN' MY EARS!
WHA...?
THERE'S NO END TO THE CRAZY ANIMALS HERE!
EASY, UGASH. WE WON'T SOLVE THIS PUZZLE BY FIGHTING.
WE'VE GOT TO QUESTION HIM...GET ANSWERS...
DON'T GIMME ANY O' YER LIP! I'M KILLER KRAUS! AND I'LL GIVE ORDERS HERE, SEE?
YEAHHH....WE'LL SEE! WE'LL SEE... RIGHT NOW!!
POW!
GET OUT OF MY WAY! I'M NOT THROUGH WITH THIS THING, YET!
"THING" IS RIGHT! LOOK AT HIM... LOOK!!
UGASH
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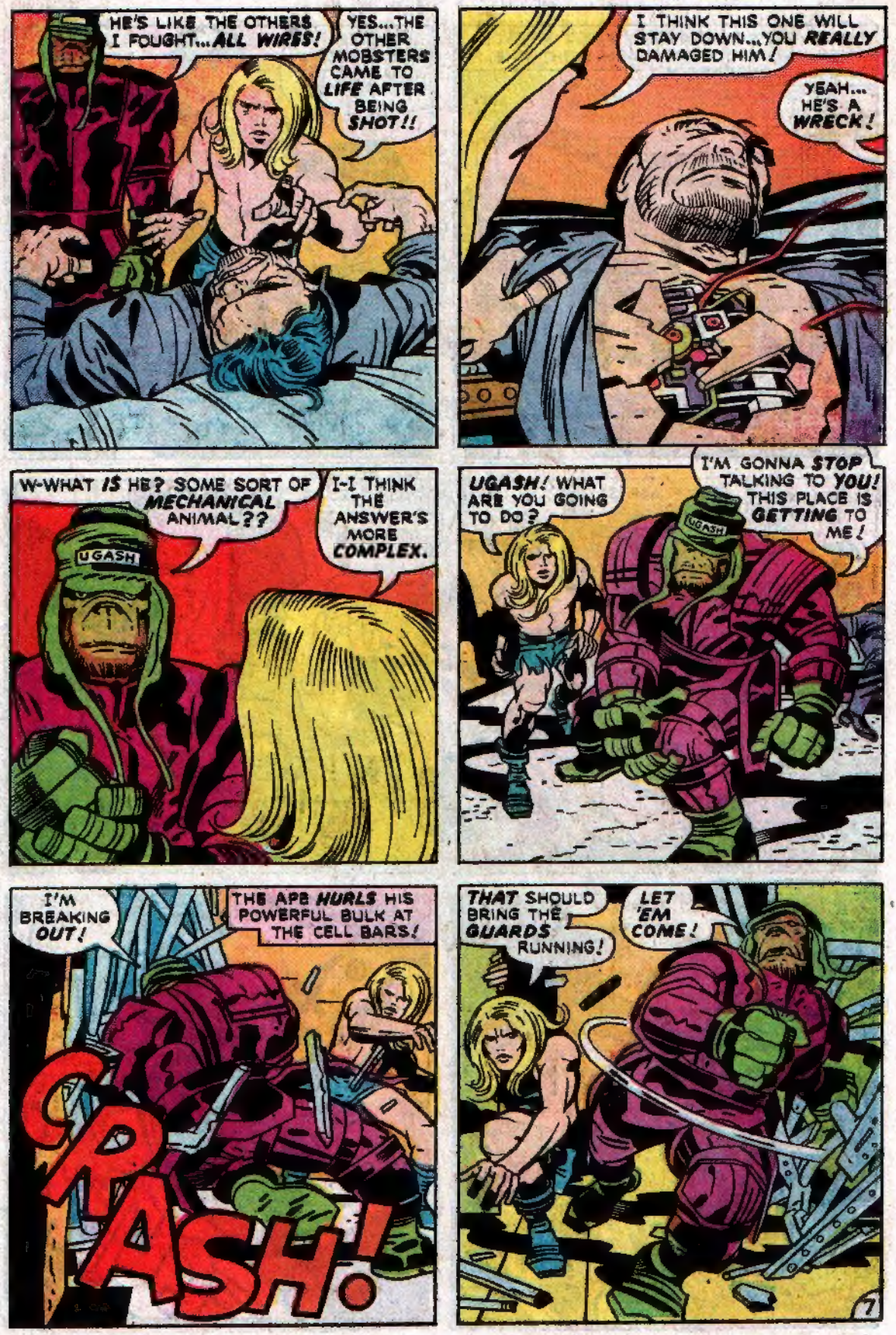
HE'S LIKE THE OTHERS I FOUGHT... ALL WIRES!
YES...THE OTHER MOBSTERS CAME TO LIFE AFTER BEING SHOT!!
I THINK THIS ONE WILL STAY DOWN...YOU REALLY DAMAGED HIM!
YEAH... HE'S A WRECK!
W-WHAT IS HE? SOME SORT OF MECHANICAL ANIMAL??
I-I THINK THE ANSWER'S MORE COMPLEX.
UGASH
UGASH! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I'M GONNA STOP TALKING TO YOU! THIS PLACE IS GETTING TO ME!
I'M BREAKING OUT!
THE APE HURLS HIS POWERFUL BULK AT THE CELL BARS!
CRASH!
THAT SHOULD BRING THE GUARDS RUNNING!
LET 'EM COME!
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BUT THERE'S A STRANGE, EERIE SILENCE WHEN KAMANDI AND UGASH SIGHT THE GUARDS...
TH-THEY'RE NOT MOVING!
THEY LOOK STIFFER'N DUMMIES.
...OR LIKE MECHANISMS ...WAITING TO BE ACTIVATED.
MORE MECHANICAL ANIMALS, EH?
THIS PLACE S FULL OF THEM...
I-I'VE GOT A FEELING, UGASH. ...A HORRIBLE FEELING.
I'M NOT OVERJOYED, MYSELF!
WHAT'S BEHIND THIS DOOR? I-IT'S TOO DARK TO MAKE THINGS OUT.
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THEN, AS THEIR VISION ADJUSTS...
DUMMIES! WE'VE STUMBLED INTO A MESS OF THEM THIS TIME!
UGASH
TH-THEY'RE EVERYWHERE! C-CAN IT BE THAT ALL OF OLD CHICAGO IS PEOPLED BY THESE.. ...THESE...?
IT'S UNCANNY... THEY LOOK SO REAL ...AND ALIVE...
BUT SOMEONE MAKES THEM MOVE...WHAT IS HE? WHERE IS HE?
HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE PRISONERS WILL STAND FOR SENTENCING!
ORDER IN THE COURT!
THEY'VE COME TO LIFE!
THEN... WHOEVER IS WORKING THESE DUMMIES... IS WATCHING US!!!
WHA..?
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"SOMEONE IS WATCHING YOU!!" THAT'S *NOT* A NEW PHRASE....BUT, IN KAMANDI'S WORLD, IT CAN LEAD TO THE MOST BIZARRE AND HORRIFYING REVELATIONS....IT CAN SPELL *DOOM* FOR THE UNWARY....BECAUSE IT CAN WEAVE THAT DOOM AND SEAL IT! BECAUSE THERE'S....

SOMEONE HIDDEN - SOMEONE DEADLY!!

CHAPTER THREE
YOU ARE A *DANGER* TO THE COMMUNITY AND *MUST* BE ELIMINATED...
OKAY, YOU *PUBLIC ENEMIES!* IT'S CURTAINS FOR *YOU!*
TH-THEY'RE *NOT* KIDDING, UGASH!
HOLD IT, YOU..!
UGASH
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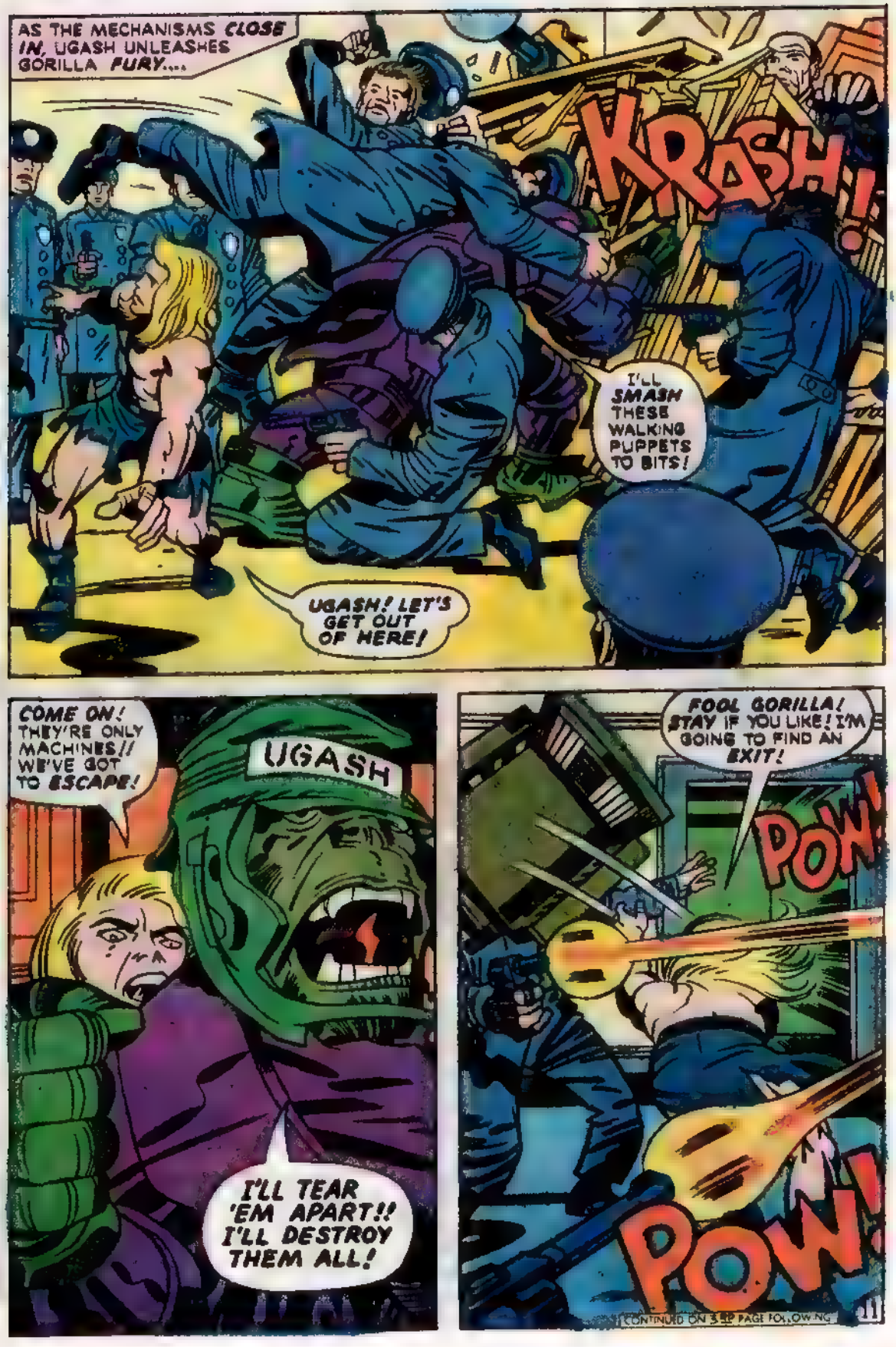
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KRASH!
I'LL SMASH THESE WALKING PUPPETS TO BITS!
UGASH! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
COME ON! THEY'RE ONLY MACHINES!! WE'VE GOT TO ESCAPE!
UGASH
I'LL TEAR 'EM APART!! I'LL DESTROY THEM ALL!
FOOL GORILLA! STAY IF YOU LIKE! I'M GOING TO FIND AN EXIT!
POW!
POW!
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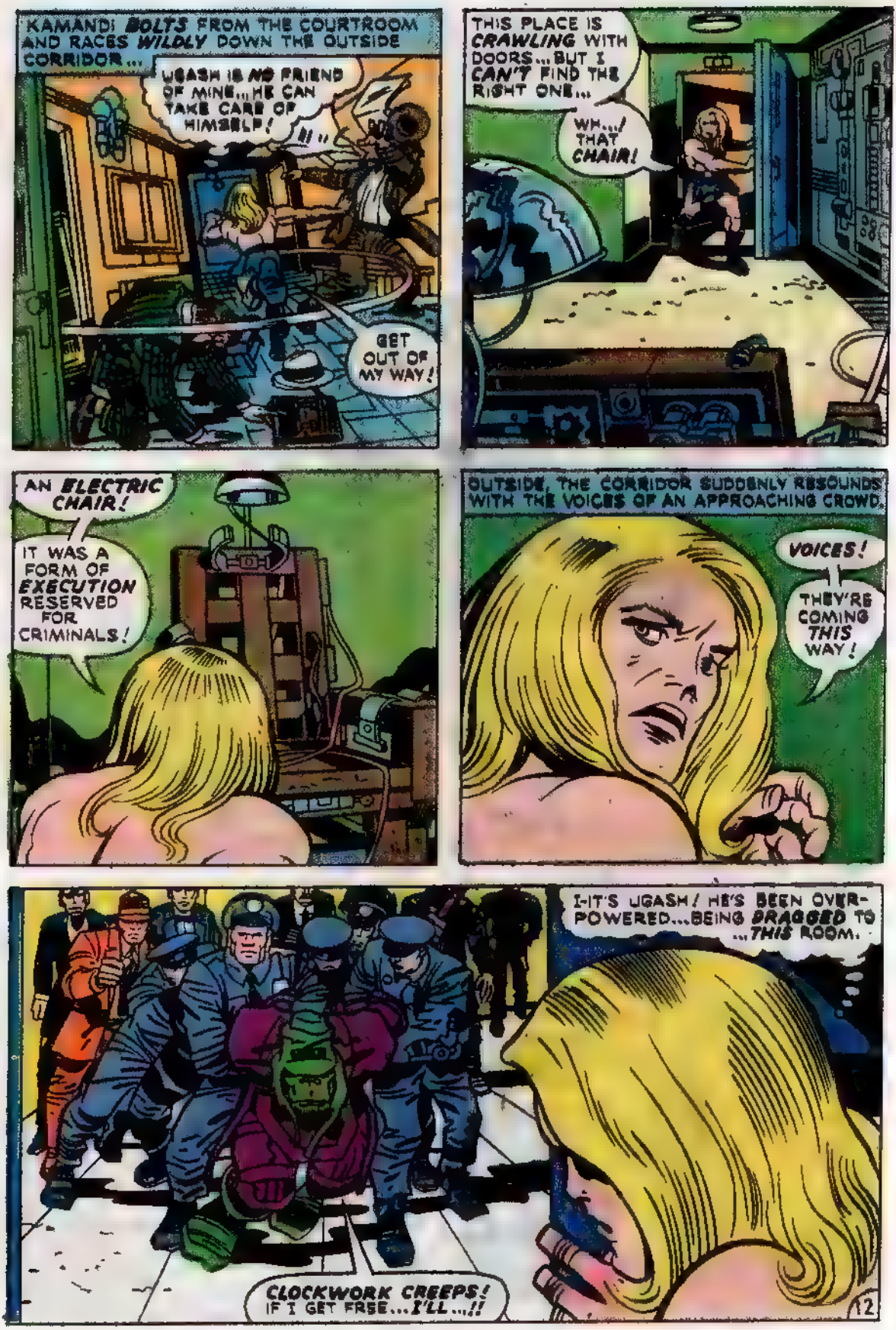
KAMANDI BOLTS FROM THE COURTROOM AND RACES WILDLY DOWN THE OUTSIDE CORRIDOR...
UGASH IS NO FRIEND OF MINE...HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
THIS PLACE IS CRAWLING WITH DOORS...BUT I CAN'T FIND THE RIGHT ONE...
WH...! THAT CHAIR!
AN ELECTRIC CHAIR!
IT WAS A FORM OF EXECUTION RESERVED FOR CRIMINALS!
OUTSIDE, THE CORRIDOR SUDDENLY RESOUNDS WITH THE VOICES OF AN APPROACHING CROWD.
VOICES!
THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY!
I-IT'S UGASH! HE'S BEEN OVER-POWERED...BEING DRAGGED TO ...THIS ROOM.
CLOCKWORK CREEPS! IF I GET FREE...I'LL...!!
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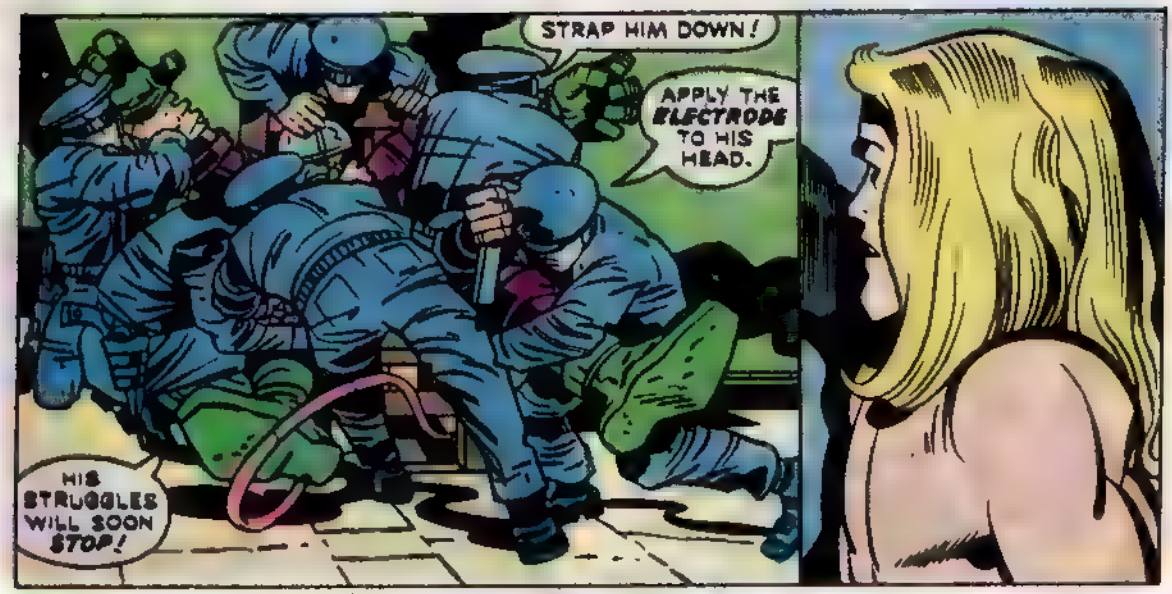
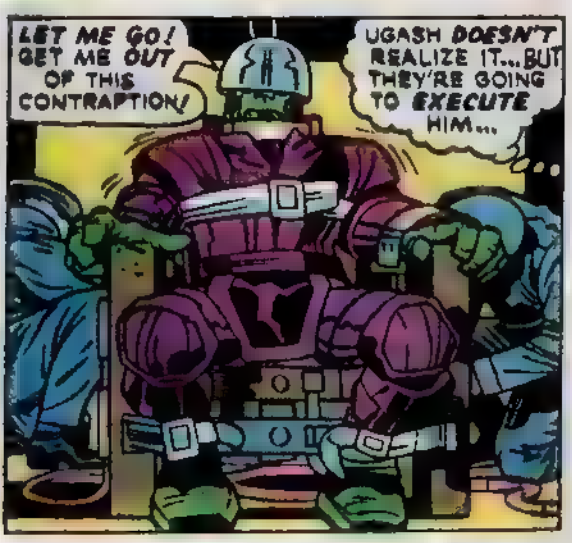
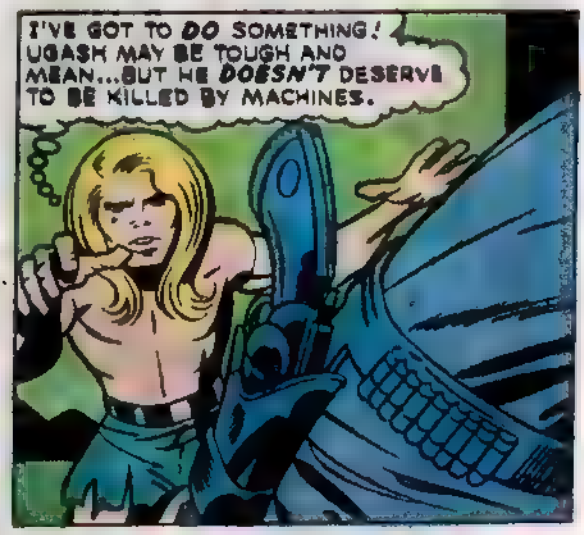
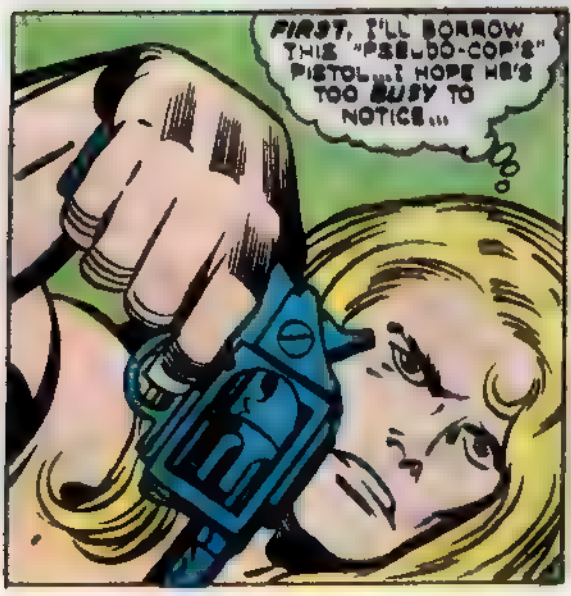
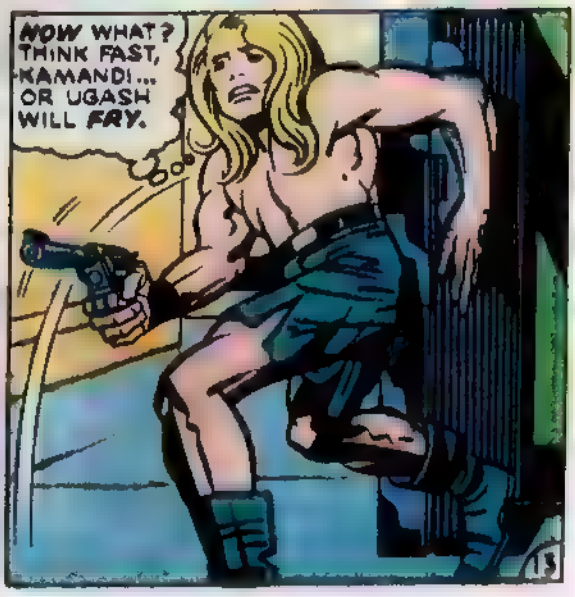

STRAP HIM DOWN!
APPLY THE ELECTRODE TO HIS HEAD.
HIS STRUGGLES WILL SOON STOP!


LET ME GO! GET ME OUT OF THIS CONTRAPTION!
UGASH DOESN'T REALIZE IT...BUT THEY'RE GOING TO EXECUTE HIM...


I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! UGASH MAY BE TOUGH AND MEAN...BUT HE DOESN'T DESERVE TO BE KILLED BY MACHINES.


FIRST, I'LL BORROW THIS "PSEUDO-COP'S" PISTOL...I HOPE HE'S TOO BUSY TO NOTICE...


NOW WHAT? THINK FAST, KAMANDI... OR UGASH WILL FRY.

KAMANDI'S EARS SUDDENLY PICK UP SOUNDS OUTSIDE A NEARBY WINDOW...
STREET NOISES!... AND THEY SOUND LIKE...
UGASH'S GORILLAS! THEY'RE LOOKING FOR HIM!
HEADS UP, YOU GRUNTS! HE'S GOT TO BE IN THIS AREA...
BAM!
BAM!
THIS WAY, YOU APES!
STOP HIM! TAKE HIS PISTOL!
THE EXECUTION MUST GO ON...
EXECUTION?!
YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME? YOU CAN'T DO IT! ...NOT LIKE THIS! NOT LIKE THIS!
UGASH! I'VE DONE ALL I CAN! BUT THERE'S STILL A FIGHTING CHANCE.
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BUT KAMANDI'S HEART SINKS AS....
EXECUTIONER, PROCEED!! PULL THE ELECTRO-SWITCH...
NO! NO!
THE DEADLY SWITCH IS ON ITS WAY DOWN WHEN A SHOT RINGS OUT...
WAM!
THEN THE CHAMBER IS FILLED BY ARMED AND ANGRY GOR..LLAS!
I'VE DONE MY BIT FOR UGASH...THIS IS WHERE I BUG OUT!
FREE UGASH ....OR DIE!!
THE BATTLE RAGES AS KAMANDI EDGES HIS WAY TOWARD THE DOOR.
HE MAKES A SUDDEN BID FOR LIBERTY, AND BOLTS FROM THE ROOM...
IF THERE'S AN EXIT FROM THIS MAD TOWN, I'VE GOT TO FIND IT NOW!!
BAM
WAM!
BAAM
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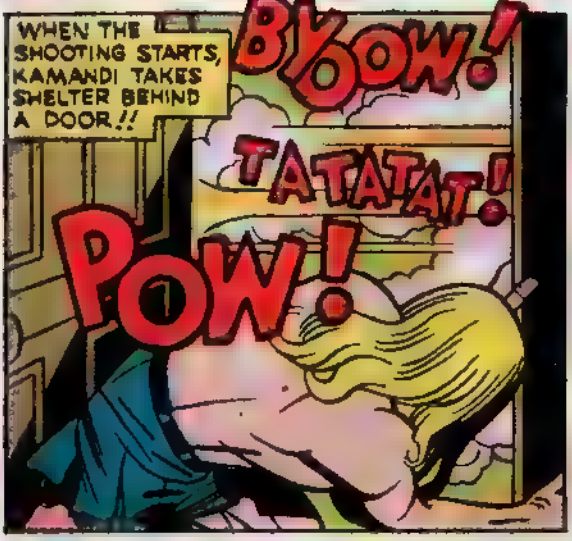
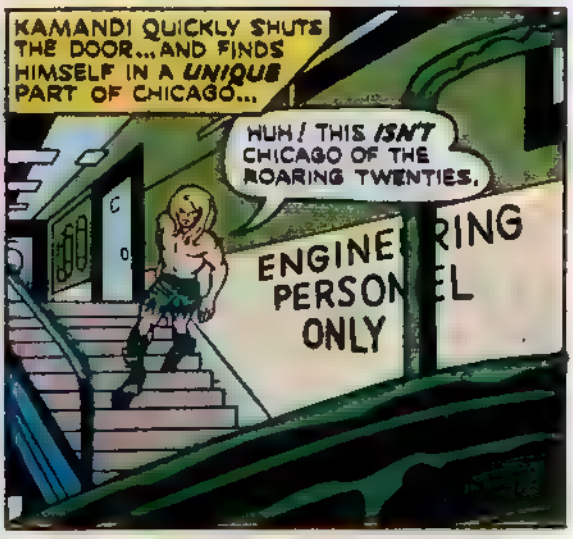
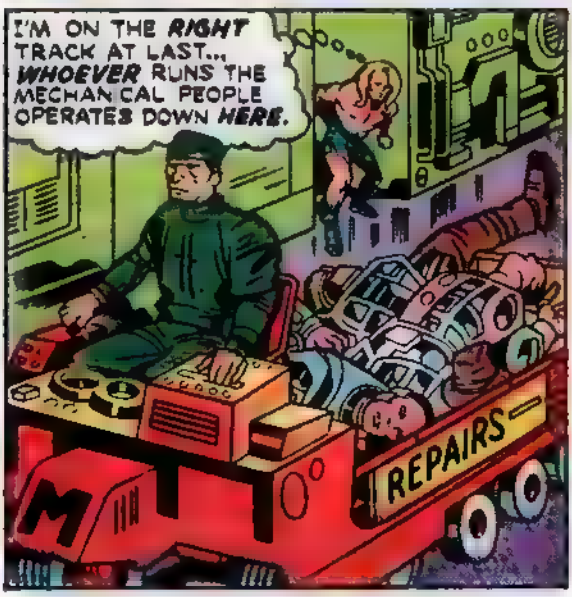
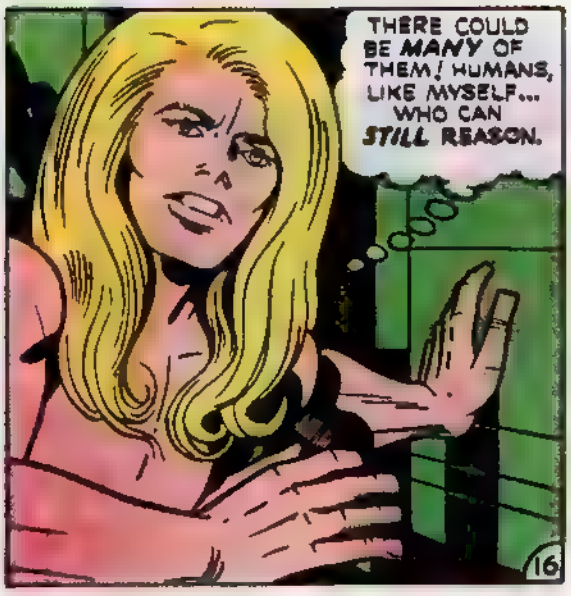
SUDDENLY..!
WOW! EVERY CHARACTER IN CHICAGO IS JOINING THE ACTION!
STOP THE INTRUDERS!
BLAST 'EM OUT OF TOWN!


WHEN THE SHOOTING STARTS, KAMANDI TAKES SHELTER BEHIND A DOOR!!
BYOOW!
TATATAT!
POW!


KAMANDI QUICKLY SHUTS THE DOOR...AND FINDS HIMSELF IN A UNIQUE PART OF CHICAGO...
HUH! THIS ISN'T CHICAGO OF THE ROARING TWENTIES.
ENGINE RING
PERSON EL
ONLY


I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK AT LAST... WHOEVER RUNS THE MECHANICAL PEOPLE OPERATES DOWN HERE.
REPAIRS


THERE COULD BE MANY OF THEM! HUMANS, LIKE MYSELF... WHO CAN STILL REASON.
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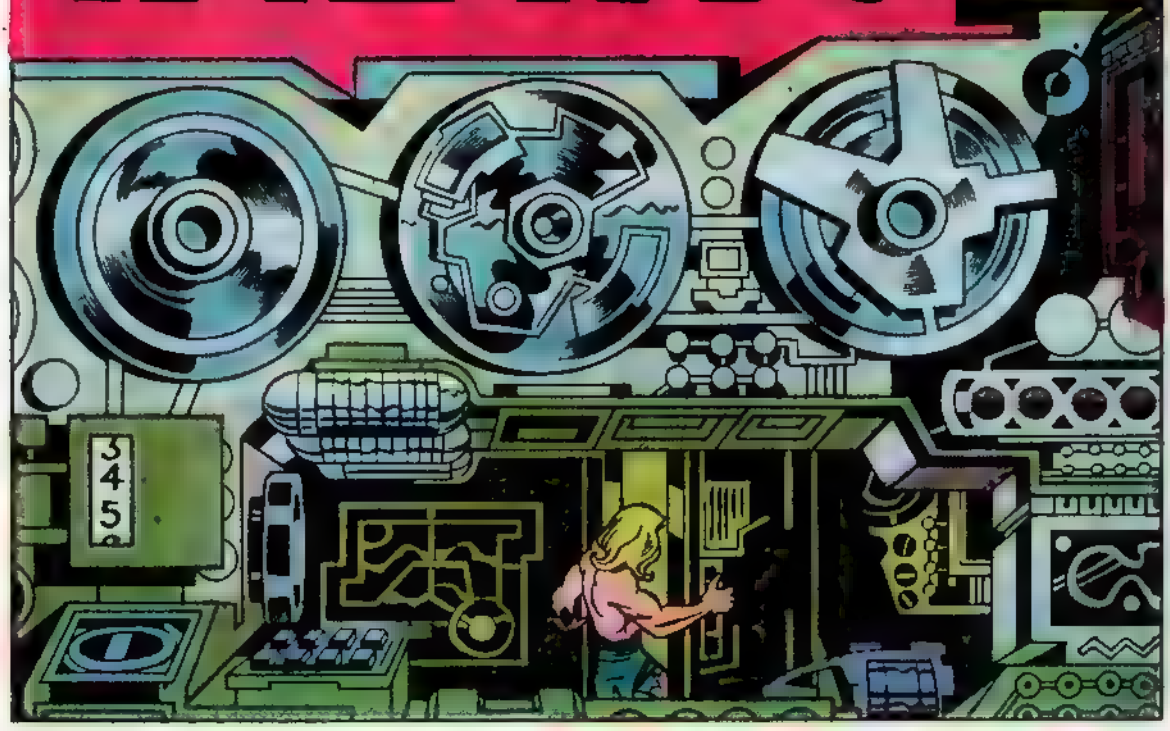
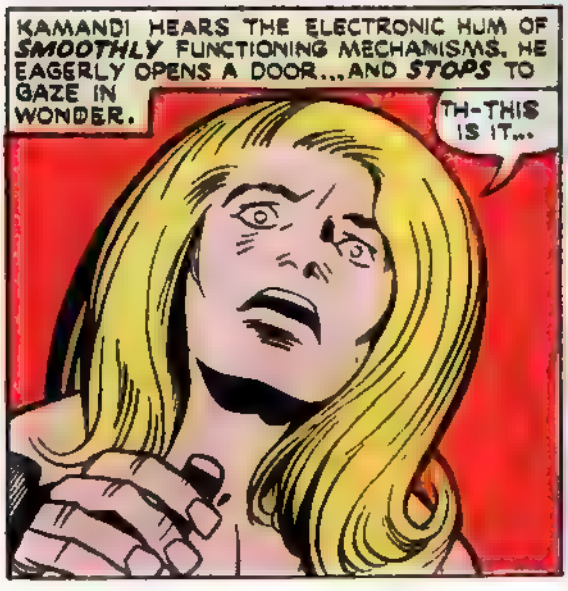
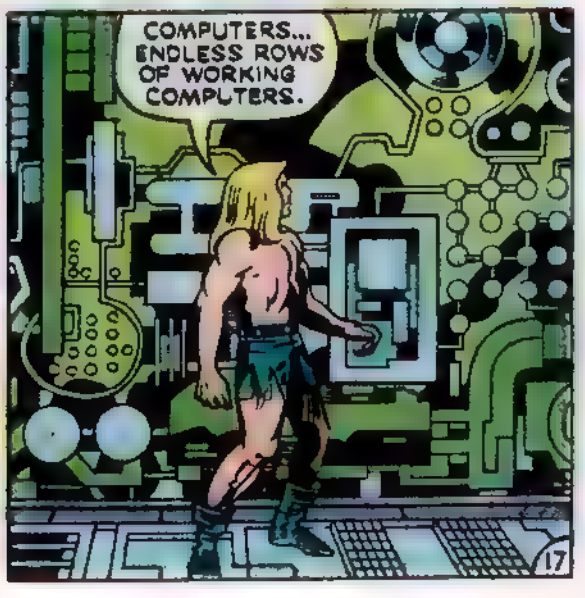
NOW FOR THE FANTASTIC, HOPE-DESTROYING

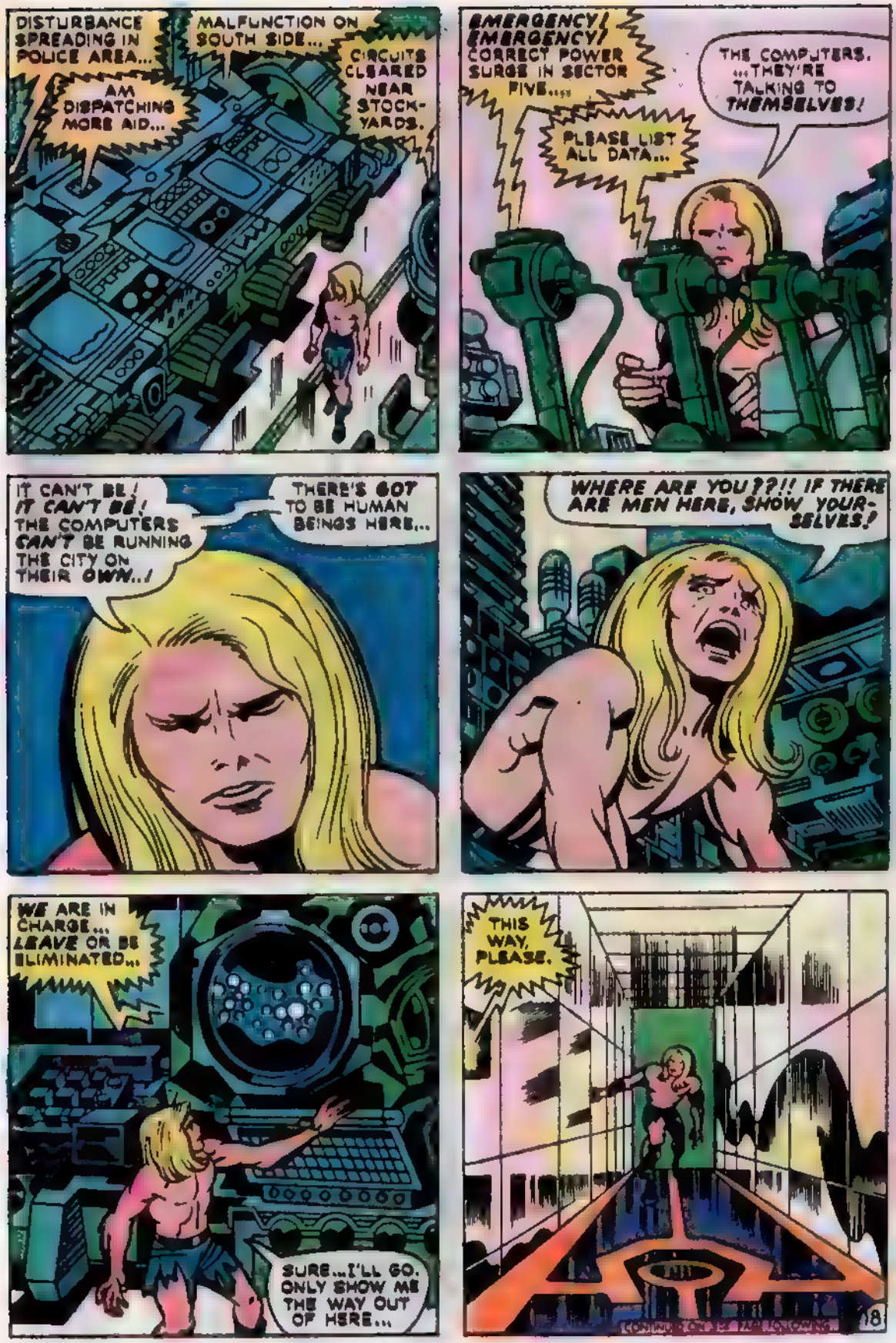
TRUTH!

CHAPTER FOUR




KAMANDI HEARS THE ELECTRONIC HUM OF SMOOTHLY FUNCTIONING MECHANISMS. HE EAGERLY OPENS A DOOR...AND STOPS TO GAZE IN WONDER.
TH-THIS IS IT...




DISTURBANCE SPREADING IN POLICE AREA...
MALFUNCTION ON SOUTH SIDE...
CIRCUITS CLEARED NEAR STOCK-YARDS.
AM DISPATCHING MORE AID...
EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY! CORRECT POWER SURGE IN SECTOR FIVE....
THE COMPUTERS. ...THEY'RE TALKING TO THEMSELVES!
PLEASE LIST ALL DATA...
IT CAN'T BE! IT CAN'T BE! THE COMPUTERS CAN'T BE RUNNING THE CITY ON THEIR OWN..!
THERE'S GOT TO BE HUMAN BEINGS HERE...
WHERE ARE YOU??!! IF THERE ARE MEN HERE, SHOW YOURSELVES!
WE ARE IN CHARGE... LEAVE OR BE ELIMINATED...
SURE...I'LL GO. ONLY SHOW ME THE WAY OUT OF HERE...
THIS WAY, PLEASE.

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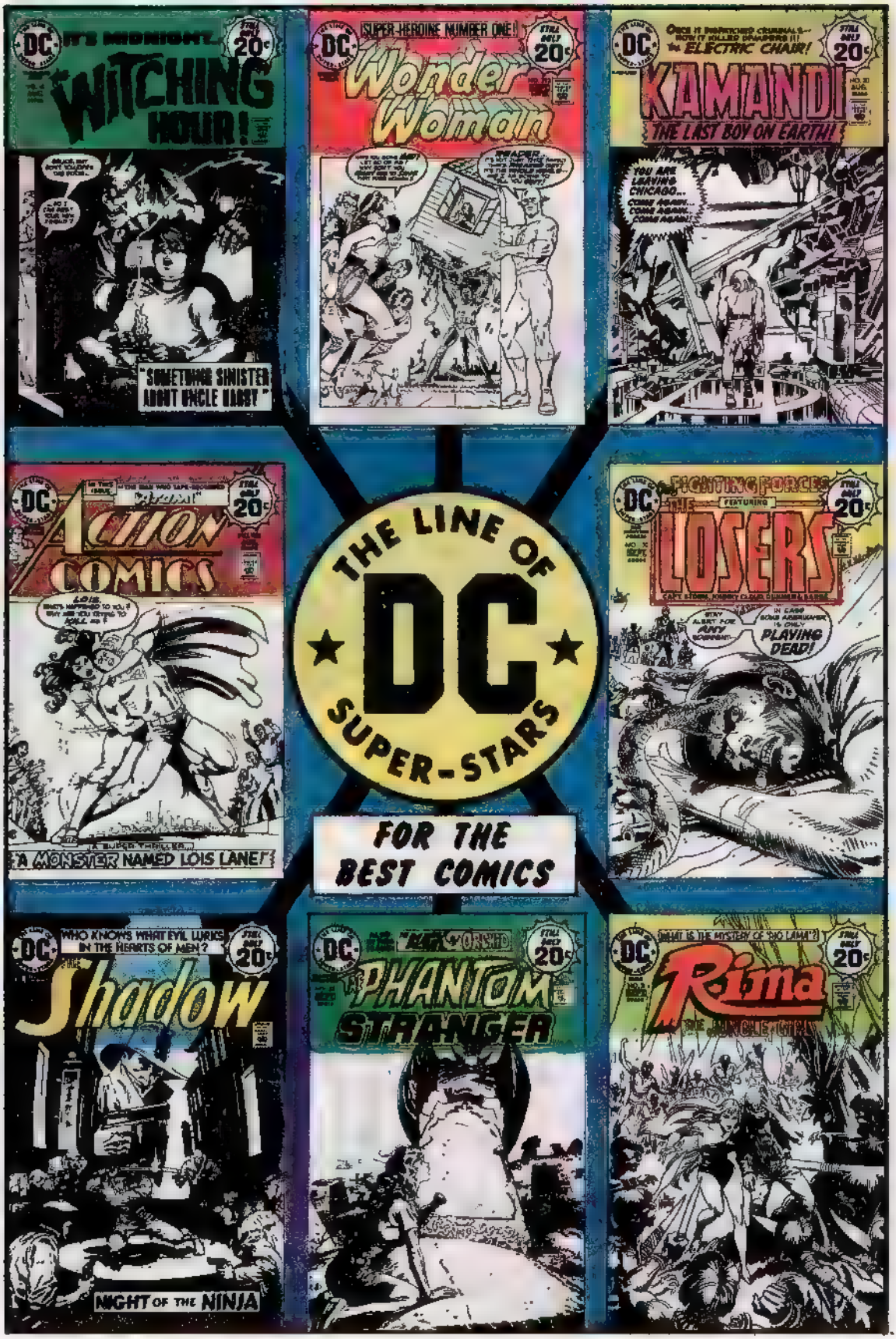
IT'S MIDNIGHT...
WITCHING HOUR!
"SOMETHING SINISTER ABOUT UNCLE HARRY"
SUPER-HEROINE NUMBER ONE!
Wonder Woman
Once it particularly criminals... now it kills dreamers!!!
the ELECTRIC CHAIR!
KAMANDI
THE LAST BOY ON EARTH!
YOU ARE LEAVING CHICAGO... COME AGAIN... COME AGAIN... COME AGAIN!
IN THIS ISSUE
Action COMICS
A MONSTER NAMED LOIS LANE!
THE LINE OF
DC
SUPER-STARS
FOR THE BEST COMICS
FIGHTING FORCES
FEATURING
THE LOSERS
STAY ALERT FOR ANY SCHEMES!
IN EACH BOMB ASSAULTWAVE, HE ONLY PLAYING DEAD!
WHO KNOWS WHAT EVIL LURKS IN THE HEARTS OF MEN?
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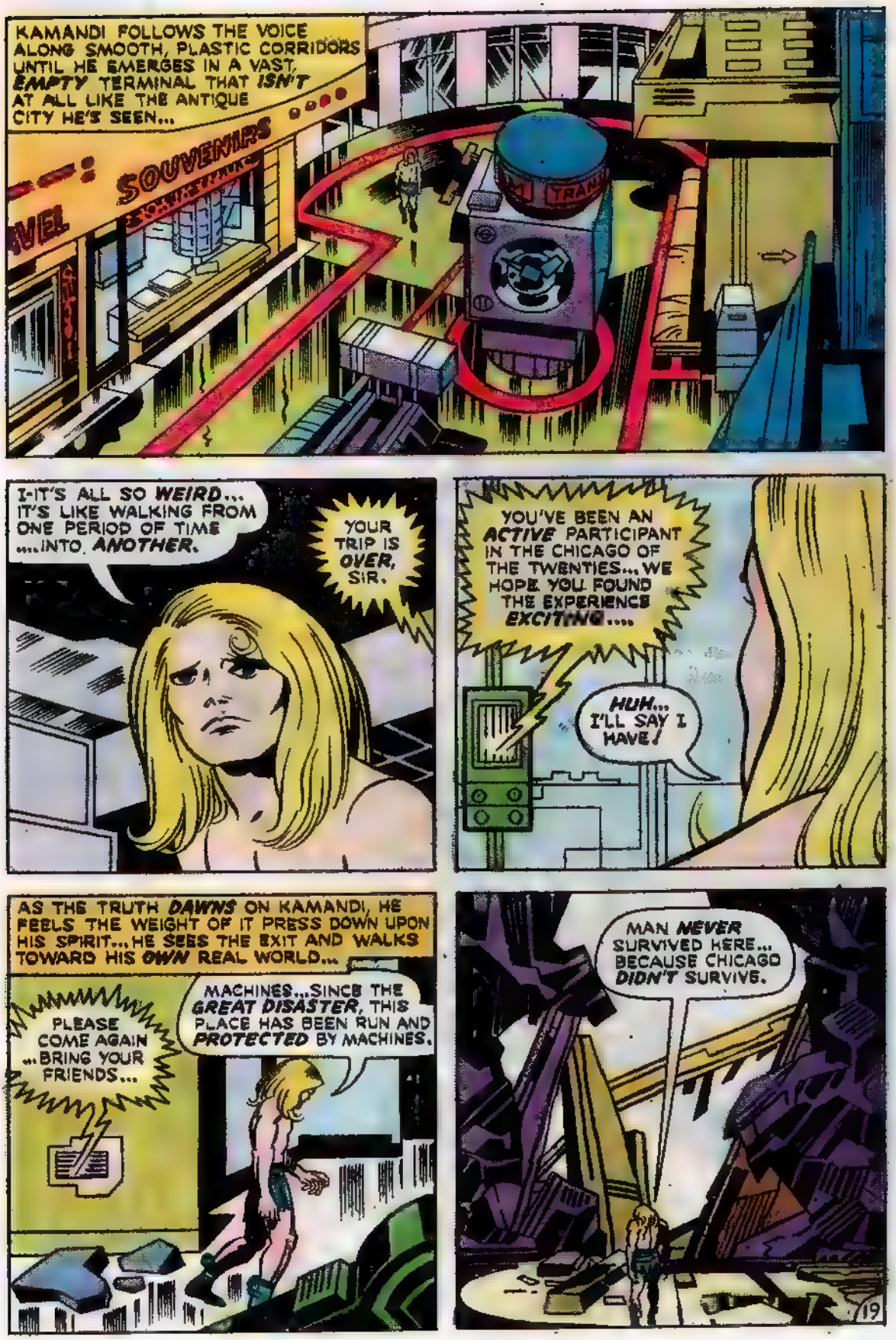
KAMANDI FOLLOWS THE VOICE ALONG SMOOTH, PLASTIC CORRIDORS UNTIL HE EMERGES IN A VAST, EMPTY TERMINAL THAT ISN'T AT ALL LIKE THE ANTIQUE CITY HE'S SEEN...
SOUVENIRS
I-IT'S ALL SO WEIRD... IT'S LIKE WALKING FROM ONE PERIOD OF TIME ....INTO, ANOTHER.
YOUR TRIP IS OVER, SIR.
YOU'VE BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE CHICAGO OF THE TWENTIES... WE HOPE YOU FOUND THE EXPERIENCE EXCITING....
HUH... I'LL SAY I HAVE!
AS THE TRUTH DAWNS ON KAMANDI, HE FEELS THE WEIGHT OF IT PRESS DOWN UPON HIS SPIRIT... HE SEES THE EXIT AND WALKS TOWARD HIS OWN REAL WORLD...
PLEASE COME AGAIN ...BRING YOUR FRIENDS...
MACHINES...SINCE THE GREAT DISASTER, THIS PLACE HAS BEEN RUN AND PROTECTED BY MACHINES.
MAN NEVER SURVIVED HERE... BECAUSE CHICAGO DIDN'T SURVIVE.
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OUTSIDE, THE BLEAK REALITY STRIKES WITH UNRELENTING FORCE...LIKE THE GREAT DISASTER WHICH SPARED THE REPLICA...AND SWALLOWED THE ORIGINAL....WHERE THE REAL CHICAGO STOOD IS A VAST LAKE...HIDING FOREVER ANOTHER OF MAN'S ONCE PROUD CITIES...
YOU ARE LEAVING
CHICAGO-LAND
THE
FULLY AUTOMATED
LIVING MUSEUM
I'M ALONE ...ALONE ONCE MORE.
THE END
IF YOU HAVE YOUR MAP FROM ISSUE NUMBER ONE LOOK UP
"MONSTER LAKE"
WHAT COMES OUT OF IT WILL FLOOR YOU!!
DON'T MISS
THE FISH!
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THE TIME CAPSULE

By Steve Sherman

X-486

Dear Jack,

You may not think of your readership in the feminine gender, but there are a few weird chicks who really enjoy KAMANDI. I'm one of them. I've a running collection starting with #1 and I honestly can't label any one as best.

I've gotten a kick out of following the various controversies in the lettercol. *Please* let's bury once and for all the "it's modeled after Planet of the Apes" argument. Not only is it becoming redundant, it's pointless.

I do have a question. It's probably got an *obvious* answer, (those are the kind I miss.) Anyway why do the humans get smarter and smarter with every issue? It adds interest and makes a better story, but is there any other reason? Thanks for a really great comic.

Krystl Thompson, Larned, Kansas

And thank you for the letter, Krys. The reason behind the humans appearing to be smarter is due to the fact that as Kamandi covers more ground, he is slowly discovering that the humans possess different degrees of intelligence. Just as some animals are smarter than others, so, too, are the humans.

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Dear Jack,

I have been reading KAMANDI since issue #1, and KAMANDI #16 has been the issue I've been waiting for. Finally, a story with part of the explanation of how the animals became intelligent! There is still a lot to explain, but thanks for beginning! It's also good that some of the "humans" have become human again by means of Cortexin.

I have a few suggestions. How about a story concerning Hsing and Ling, the two American pandas? They could have mated and produced offspring that are intelligent in Kamandi's time. I'd also like to see intelligent porpoises, sharks and whales in some future stories. And keep Dr. Canus as a prevalent character.

Brian Wilkes Prescott,
W. Springfield, Md.

You'll get your wish very soon, Brian, since Jack is working at this very moment on a story which involves Kamandi, Ben and Renzi with a group of dolphins. The best is yet to come!

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Dear Mr. Kirby,

Just a short note to thank you for "The Watergate Secrets". Your brilliant satire was indeed a refreshing break from that banal issue. In a time where everybody is taking things so seriously, it is a rare gift to be able to sit back and laugh at our problems.

Jeffrey B. Young, Plantation, Fla.

We're glad to hear that you liked the issue, Jeff. Rather than get into a lengthy debate on the pros and cons of the Watergate issue, let's just say that what Jack wanted to do was present a story that would show how Kamandi's future relates to our present, in an entertaining way. We received a few letters from readers who put *just* a wee bit too much symbolism into the story, so for them we'd just like to make it perfectly clear that it was meant to be taken in that way—strictly entertainment.

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Dear Jack,

In KAMANDI #16, I found more questions than answers. So the animals' rise to power was the work of a doctor, eh? And after all this time of thinking it was radiation. Still, it's possible that the radiation speeded up the effects of Cortexin.

And what about the radiation of the great Disaster? The "great disaster" in the doctor's notes was obviously a war (perhaps between New Genesis and Apokolips, as has been previously suggested). But the Great Disaster was natural. The only answer then is that these two events have no relation.

I'm glad this wasn't the last issue of KAMANDI. I was worried for a minute. I assume the effects of Cortexin are slow, so there'll still be plenty of animals left.

I'm anxiously awaiting your two new books, but this is one fan who hopes KAMANDI won't go the way of NEW GODS, MR. MIRACLE, DEMON or FOREVER PEOPLE. He's just too good.

Bill Natt, Dover, N.J.

You can rest assured, Bill, that KAMANDI will continue to come your way for quite some time.

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Dear Mr. Kirby,

KAMANDI #15 is really wonderful. It's very interesting and the art is sharper than I have ever seen it in the book.

In the future I hope to see KAMANDI put out in the 50c size, and for Kamandi to start organizing his movement for mankind. I love adventure, but he must attain some purpose in order to stay as interesting a character as possible. You could, no doubt, run 100 issues of KAMANDI. There's so much to be discovered yet in his world.

Mike Carigvan, Stillwater, Okla.

As far as we know, Mike, there are no plans to change KAMANDI to the larger format (which as you've probably noticed is now 60c), but Jack is still at the board, Bruce is still at the inks, Mike is still in Whittier, the presses are still rolling, and I'm trying to figure out a way to remind all of you that our address is still THE TIME CAPSULE, P.O. BOX 338, NEWBURY PARK, CALIF. 91320. When I do find a way to fit it in, I trust that you'll copy it down and drop us a line. Barring a pencil shortage or an ink shortage, we'll see you here next month. Bye!

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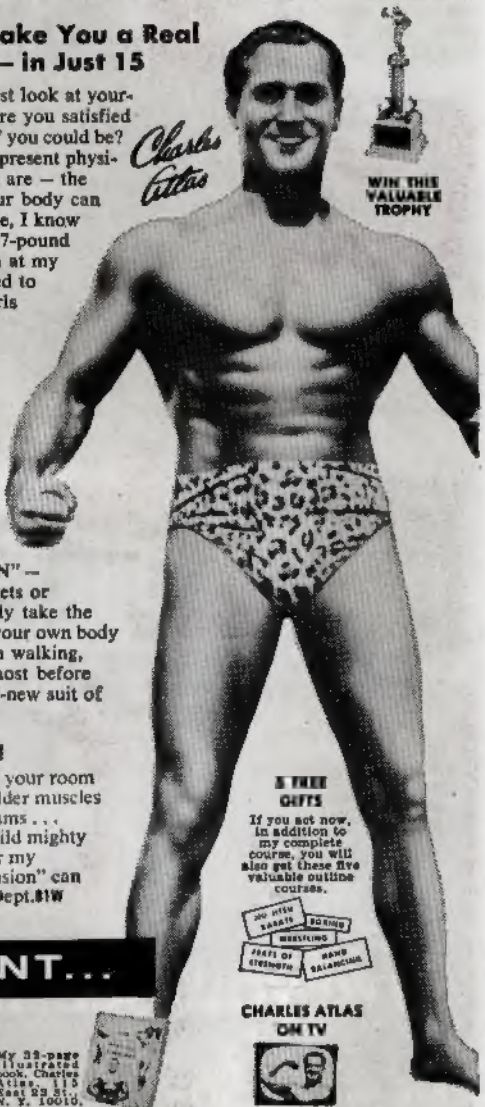
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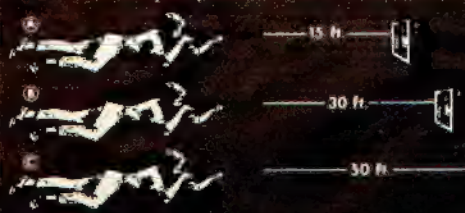

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